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FOREWORD

No matter what the tourist seeks to make his stay away from home memorable, he will find it in Montreal: historical background; thriving industry; sports, both summer and winter; gorgeous scenery, and a heart-warming hospitality.

Montreal was the birthplace of Pierre LeMoyne d'Iberville, founder of Louisiana, and of his brother, Bienville, founder of New Orleans; l'Assomption, near by, was the birthplace of Salomon Juneau, founder and first Mayor of Milwaukee. Here, too, lived LaMothe-Cadillac, founder of Detroit and Duluth, explorer of the Dakotas. It is not possible to compress within the limits of this foreword the growth of Montreal from an Indian Village, in 1642, but the visitor who takes an interest in such matters will find here a veritable treasure-house of historical lore.

Montreal, nevertheless, is in every respect a modern city. The only city in Canada with a population of over a million, it is the industrial, commercial and financial centre of the Dominion. Life, naturally, moves here at no slow pace; nor are opportunities lacking to enjoy to the full, though sanely, leisure time.

Within a very short distance of the city is the Laurentian District, world-famed for its winter sports and for hunting and fishing at other times of the year. The Laurentian Hills, at any season of the year, will tempt any lover of Nature to linger and be charmed by the picturesque countryside.

More than two-thirds of the inhabitants of Montreal speak French as their native tongue. They and their English-speaking fellow-citizens have a well-deserved reputation as dispensers of a warm and charming hospitality. On their behalf I say, "Welcome to Montreal. We assure you that you will not regret your visit to the Metropolis of Canada."

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Mayor of Montreal.